
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ACKNOWLEDGING AND HONORING SENATOR TOI HUTCHINSON AND WILLIAM T.
POUND FOR THEIR DEDICATED EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF THE
NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES.

1 WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures
2 (NCSL) was established in 1975 to serve as a single nationwide
3 organization to support state legislatures, facilitate better
4 relationships and dialogue between state and federal
5 policymakers, and strengthen our country's representative
6 democracy; and
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8 WHEREAS, the success that NCSL has enjoyed would not have
9 been possible without the outstanding contributions of purpose-
10 minded individuals such as SENATOR TOI HUTCHINSON and WILLIAM T.
11 POUND who have been committed to carrying out its mission; and
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13 WHEREAS, SENATOR TOI HUTCHINSON has earned a strong
14 reputation as a highly effective public servant representing the
15 people of Illinois' 40th Senate District; and
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17 WHEREAS, since joining the Illinois State Senate in 2009,
18 SENATOR TOI HUTCHINSON has worked tirelessly to modernize
19 Illinois' antiquated tax structure, protect women and children
20 from violence and exploitation, and support construction
21 projects that create jobs while also maintaining Illinois'
22 position as an international transportation hub; and
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24 WHEREAS, SENATOR TOI HUTCHINSON helped pass laws
25 safeguarding pregnant women in the workplace from
26 discrimination, teamed with Attorney General Lisa Madigan to
27 make Illinois the first state in the nation to pass a law
28 mandating the testing of all rape kits within ten days of
29 obtaining evidence, and passed a law to increase the penalty for
30 financially exploiting seniors and people with disabilities; and



1 WHEREAS, as Chair of the Senate Revenue Committee, SENATOR
2 TOI HUTCHINSON has also introduced legislation to close
3 corporate tax loopholes and passed a law increasing the Earned
4 Income Tax Credit as well as the standard tax exemption,
5 allowing working families to keep more of their hard-earned
6 money; and
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8 WHEREAS, as a mother of three children who attended public
9 schools, SENATOR TOI HUTCHINSON has placed a high importance on
10 improving public education in Illinois; she herself is a proud
11 graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and
12 went on to earn a law degree from Northern Illinois University
13 College of Law; and
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15 WHEREAS, in addition to her work as an elected official,
16 SENATOR TOI HUTCHINSON has also been an influential member of
17 the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), devoting
18 her many talents and energy into helping NCSL fulfill its
19 mission of advocating on behalf of state legislatures and
20 providing state policymakers with the tools and resources to
21 innovate and improve; and
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23 WHEREAS, renowned for her outstanding leadership skills,
24 SENATOR TOI HUTCHINSON was elected as the new President of NCSL
25 at the 2018 Legislative Summit; and
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27 WHEREAS, WILLIAM T. POUND has dedicated his life to making
28 the mission and goals of NCSL a reality, having served with the
29 organization since its founding and contributing enormously to
30 the development of many of its innovative programs and services;
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33 WHEREAS, having received his bachelor of arts degree in
34 political science from the University of Denver, WILLIAM T.
35 POUND completed a U.S. Department of Interior fellowship with
36 the Special Program, Water Resources Management, University of
37 Wisconsin, and also taught political science at the University
38 of Colorado, University of Denver, and Colorado State
39 University; and



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1 WHEREAS, throughout his 43-year career at NCSL, including
2 31 years as its Executive Director, WILLIAM T. POUND has
3 researched and written extensively on state legislatures, the
4 legislative process, and fiscal and public finance issues, and
5 has spoken to both national and international audiences on
6 topics including state fiscal conditions, public policy issues,
7 activities of state legislatures, and the status of America's
8 federalist system of governance; and
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10 WHEREAS, WILLIAM T. POUND has led the way in expanding the
11 reach of NCSL, which currently plays a pivotal role in
12 supporting and educating policymakers and staff at the state
13 level through a comprehensive approach that includes annual
14 meetings and training sessions, research services to address the
15 pressing issues facing the nation, and lobbying efforts aimed at
16 providing state legislatures a stronger voice in Washington,
17 D.C.; and
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19 WHEREAS, after devoting over four decades of his life to
20 NCSL, WILLIAM T. POUND has recently announced his upcoming
21 retirement; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
25 2019, that this body hereby commends and congratulates SENATOR
26 TOI HUTCHINSON on her election as the President of NCSL and
27 recognizes WILLIAM T. POUND for his lifetime of contributions in
28 support of NCSL and extends to them its warmest aloha and best
29 wishes for success in all future endeavors.
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